THE SOUTH FORK SEWER DISTRICT & IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PARTNERSHIP

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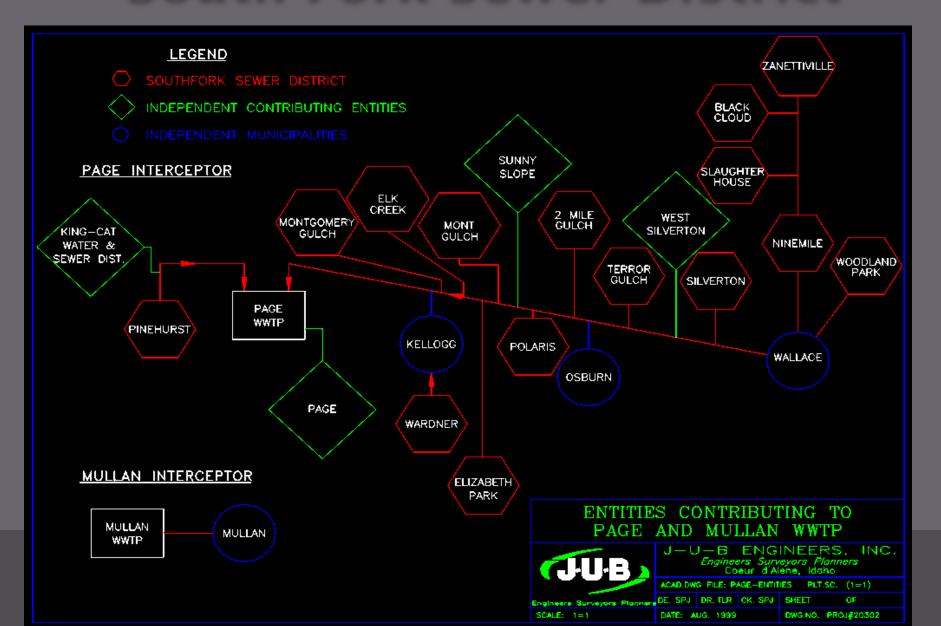








South Fork Sewer District



2001 - Page WWTP



2002 - Black Cloud Imminent Threat

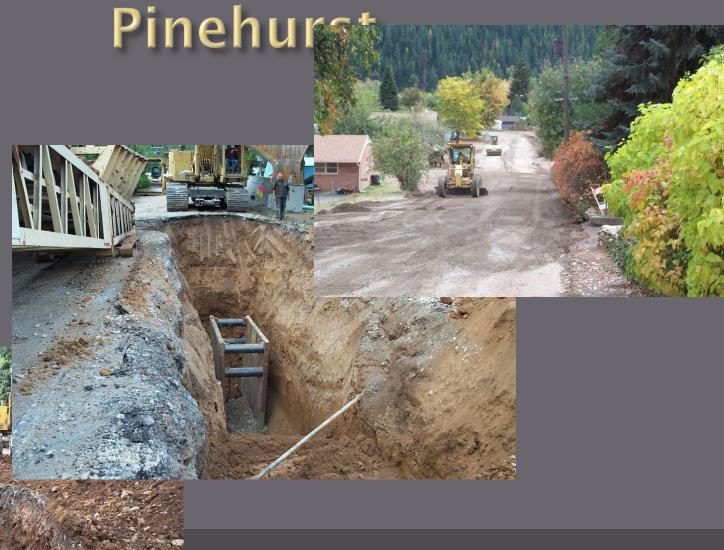


CDBG = \$31,000



J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc.

2003 – Siverton and Pinehurst



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2005 - Mullan WWTP



Block Grant

- Special considerations
 - Income surveys since not just one municipality.
 - District was like taking care of 23 entities in 3 projects (Note: still a lot of work to do, but a good head start)
 - Funding was for both treatment and collections
 - All grant funds leveraged by either District funds or bond funds
 - Great grant writing makes a huge difference
 - Engineering needs to be well thought out and focused on providing the most "bang for the buck"



REGIONALIZATION

■ What is it?

- A central system that treats wastewater from two or more municipal entities.
- Can be set up to:
 - Just provide treatment
 - Collect some wastewater and treat all of it
 - Collect and treat all wastewater



REGIONALIZATION - CONT'D

- When should it be considered
 - Operator shortages
 - Multiple entities are geographically close
 - Watershed issues (TMDL, Water Reuse)
 - Limited land available for treatment facilities



REGIONALIZATION - CONT'D

- What are the benefits
 - Economy of scale larger rate base
 - Dedicated funds so when grant opportunities come up, there are matching funds
 - Dedicated, focused, professional staff
 - Operations tend to be less impacted by politics
 - More attractive for granting agencies (more leverage)



REGIONALIZATION - CONT'D

- On-going challenges
 - Satellite systems limited control
 - Aging staff and infrastructure
 - Economy has impacted ability to make improvements
 - Should have been saving money earlier
 - Larger discharge = more significant permit requirements
 - Metals
 - Variance
 - Future phosphorus?



Questions?

